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To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Ronald A. Cavallaro, Acting Commissioner of Postsecondary Education

Date: November 13, 2019

Re: **FY 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan Budget Submission**

***BACKGROUND:***

Under the provisions of Rhode Island General Law §16-59-1, the Council on Postsecondary Education has authority over all property operated by the State's higher education institutions. The Council also makes recommendations to the Board of Education regarding budgetary matters, including expenditures for capital improvement. As part of the annual budget submission, the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner compiles a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which combines capital improvement projects for the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island and includes both new and continuing projects.

***FUNDING SOURCES:***

These capital projects are to be financed by a variety of debt instruments, as well as other financing sources, including general obligation bonds issued by the State of Rhode Island, revenue bonds issued by the Council on Postsecondary Education through the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation (RIHEBC), Rhode Island Capital Funds, federal funds, asset protection funds, and private donations.

### ***OVERVIEW OF FY 2021-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND***

A total of 35 projects are included in URI's five-year plan. Of those continuing and new projects, \$671.2 million are classified as continuing projects, and \$339.9 million are classified as new projects. The total projected capital cost for all projects for the period pre-FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$1.01 billion, which includes a pre-FY 2020 cost of \$321 million. The total five-year commitment from FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$690.1 million.

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Each institution uses its own process in the development of its Capital Plan. For the University, as with many flagships, they create a Capital Plan that includes all of its considerations for the outer years in order to allow their development campaigns to search for outside parties who may be interested in funding particular endeavors. These plans are often not requests aimed at State support as much as they are a telegraphing of interests in the distant future. Some of them will come forward in future CIPs, but others will drop off or will remain in the outer years.

### ***OVERVIEW OF FY 2021-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE***

A total of 8 projects are included in RIC's five-year plan. Of those continuing and new projects, \$224.8 million are classified as continuing projects, and \$125 million are classified as new projects. The total projected capital cost for all projects for the period pre-FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$349.8 million, which includes a pre-FY 2020 cost of \$148.1 million. The total five-year commitment from FY 2020 through post-FY 2025 is \$201.7 million.

Each institution uses its own process in the development of its capital plan. For Rhode Island College, the plans are closely tied to its Master Plan.

### ***OVERVIEW OF FY 2020-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND***

A total of 11 projects are included in CCRI's five-year plan. Of those continuing and new projects, \$95.2 million are classified as continuing projects, and \$259.4 million are classified as new projects. The total projected capital cost for all projects for the period pre-FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$354.6 million, which includes a pre-FY2020 cost of \$42.7 million. Total five-year commitment from FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$312 million.

Each institution uses its own process in the development of its capital plan. For the Community College, plans are closely tied to its Master Plan.

***OVERVIEW OF FY 2020-25 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE RI OFFICE OF THE  
POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER***

A total of 2 projects are included in OPC's five-year plan. Of those continuing and new projects, \$0 are classified as continuing projects, and \$4.1 million are classified as new projects. The total projected capital cost for all projects for the period pre-FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$4.1 million, which includes a pre-FY 2020 cost of \$0. The total five year commitment from FY 2020 through FY 2025 is \$4.1 million.

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**Accordingly, I recommend:**

**THAT the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Council on Postsecondary Education regarding the public postsecondary education system's Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2021 –2025.**